

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Denise Barbut, et al.

Serial No.: 10/619,760

Filed: July 14, 2003

For: AORTIC OCCLUDER WITH ASSOCIATED
FILTER AND METHODS OF USE DURING
SURGERY

Examiner: Laura Bouchelle

Group Art Unit: 3763

Confirmation No.: 7383

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action of February 28, 2007, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

The remarks below are in response to an Office Action mailed on February 28, 2007 in the above-listed patent application. In the Office Action, pending Claims 3-18 were rejected under nonstatutory obviousness-type double-patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,592,546. Although the applicant's attorney does not believe that the method claims are "identical" as alleged in the Office Action, to expedite allowance a Terminal Disclaimer has been filed herewith. The rejections of Claims 3-18 over the U.S. Patent No. 6,592,546 have therefore been overcome and Claims 3-18 are in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims of the present invention are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course. The Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

If an appropriate payment does not accompany or precede this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, such as under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, including any petition for extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (RMI-5708CIPCON5).

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Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Double
Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent

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Invention:

AORTIC OCCLUDER WITH ASSOCIATED FILTER AND METHODS OF USE DURING A CARDIAC SURGERY

Owner of Record:

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

The above-identified owner of record of a 100 percent interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior Patent No. 6,592,546. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors and/or assigns.

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2. The undersigned is an attorney of record.


Signature

Dated: March 27, 2007

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Terminal disclaimer fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) included.
 PTO suggested wording for terminal disclaimer was unchanged.
 Certification under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) is required if terminal disclaimer is signed by the assignee.